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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This application is a national stage entry of International Application No. PCT/JP04/16573, filed November 9, 2004, which claims priority to Japanese Application No. 2003-380978, filed November 9, 2003. Claims 1-4 are pending in this application and are examined on the merits herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka et al. (Org. Biomol. Chem., 2003, 1, 2833-2839, July 9, 2003) in view of Gross et al. (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1983, 105, 7428-7435).

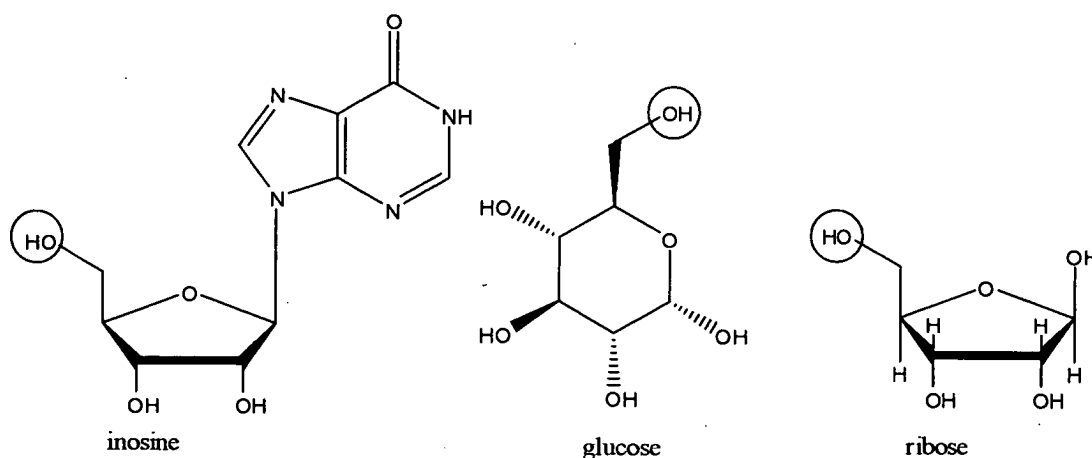
Tanaka et al. teach the phosphorylation of inosine to inosine-5'-monophosphate by acid phosphatases from *Shigella flexneri* [page 2834, second paragraph]. The enzyme also mediates the phosphorylation of glucose to glucose-6-phosphate using pyrophosphate as the phosphate donor [page 2835, last paragraph]. The specific activity of acid phosphatase derived from *Sh. flexneri* was 40 U mg⁻¹ [page 2834, first paragraph]. In the enzymatic phosphorylation of inosine, 40mM inosine, 100mM disodium pyrophosphate, and 0.1-1µM of enzyme solution in a total volume of 1 ml was used [page 2838, last paragraph]. For the glucose phosphorylation, the reaction

mixture contained 1 μ M PhoN, 100mM glucose and 100mM disodium pyrophosphate in 100mM sodium acetate [page 2839, first paragraph].

Tanaka et al. do not teach the phosphorylation of a free pentose.

Gross et al. teach the use of ribose-5-phosphate as an intermediate in the synthesis of nucleotides, histadine and tryptophan [page 7428, first paragraph].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to prepare a pentose-5-phosphate ester using acid phosphatase from *Shigella flexneri* in the presence of pyrophosphate. Tanaka et al. teach the selective phosphorylation of inosine (a nucleoside derived from a pentose) and glucose (a hexose). The skilled artisan would expect the corresponding reaction to proceed on a pentose in a similar fashion because the structure of a pentose such as ribose is very similar to the structures of inosine and glucose with respect to the reaction sites, seen circled below. The skilled artisan would have been motivated to prepare a pentose-5-phosphate ester because such compounds are useful intermediates in nucleotide synthesis, as taught by Gross et al.



A reference is good not only for what it teaches by direct anticipation but also for what one of ordinary skill in the art might reasonably infer from the teachings. (*In re Opprecht* 12 USPQ 2d 1235, 1236 (Fed Cir. 1989); *In re Bode* 193 USPQ 12 (CCPA) 1976). In light of the forgoing discussion, the Examiner concludes that the subject matter defined by the instant claims would have been obvious within the meaning of 35 USC 103(a). From the teachings of the references, it is apparent that one of ordinary skill in the art would have had a reasonable expectation of success in producing the claimed invention. Therefore, the invention as a whole was *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, as evidenced by the references, especially in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Layla Bland whose telephone number is (571) 272-9572. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 8:00AM-5:00PM UST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Anna Jiang can be reached on (571) 272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patent Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SAJ 11/27/07', is written over the printed name and title.

Supervisory Patent Examiner
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